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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9040

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 9783

E. O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: PINS, FR

SUBJ: ARAB MURDERED IN PARIS

BEIRUT PASS USINT BAGHDAD

A FORMER IRAQI PROFESSOR AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN BEIRUT  
BASIL AL KUBAISI WAS SHOT IN PARIS APRIL FIFTH. TWO  
ASSAILANTS CARRYING PISTOLS AND 22 CALIBRE RIFLES KILLED  
KUBAISI IN DOWNTOWN PARIS LESS THAN HALF A MILE FROM EMBASSY.  
ACCORDING TO WIRE SERVICE REPORTS, POPULAR FRONT FOR LIBERATION  
OF PALESTINE ( PFLP) HAS CLAIMED KUBAISI WAS PFLP LEADER  
ON MISSION FOR IT. PFLP REPORTEDLY MADE STATEMENT IN BEIRUT  
STRONGLY CRITICIZING FRENCH AUTHORITIES FOR CONTINUED FAILURE  
TO IGNORE ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES AND FOR ACTING AS  
" ACCOMPLICES OF LIQUIDATION OPERATION" AGAINST PALESTINIAN  
PEOPLE.

2. COMMENT: MURDER OF KUBAISI IS THIRD IN RECENT MONTHS  
WITH PALESTINIAN CONNECTIONS AND FOLLOWS KILLING  
OF SYRIAN JOURNALIST IN PARIS LAST NOVEMBER AND SUBSEQUENT MURDER  
OF PLO CHIEF HAMCHARI. ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS  
FROM FRENCH POLICE SOURCES, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE LINKING  
KUBAISI OR HIS MURDERERS WITH BLACK SEPTEMBER, OR WITH  
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ISRAELI SERVICES. KILLING MAY  
THEREFORE HAVE BEEN INTERNAL ARAB DISPUTE INVOLVING  
IRAQI OR PALESTINIAN DIFFERENCES.  
IRWIN

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